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MEMORANDUM:

TO: Commission Members

FROM: Richard G. Rhoda

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RE: Hostage Situation at Dyersburg State Community College

Shortly before 1:00 pm yesterday, a classroom filled with ten or more students was taken hostage at Dyersburg State Community College in Dyersburg, TN.

Two hostages were injured and the hostage-taker was killed after a nine hour stand-off on the 2nd floor of the Eller Building. The condition of the students is unknown at this time, but it is believed that their injuries are not life-threatening.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the students, faculty and those in the local community who have been affected by these events. Our sympathies go out to the individuals and families of those whom were injured or killed in the standoff.

The staff will continue to keep you apprised of the situation as further information becomes available.